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**NDSHPO REF. : 89-0013g Reclamation/SWC NAWS
Consultation Under the National Historic Preservation Act for Northwest
Area Water Supply (NAWS) Project: Northwest Area Water Supply Draft
Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Reclamation: GP-4200**

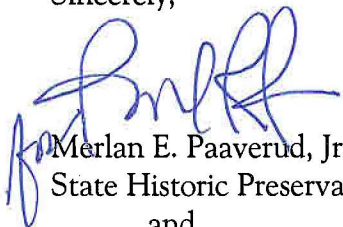
Dear Ms. Waters:

We have received and reviewed: "Northwest Area Water Supply Draft Environmental Impact Statement," (Reclamation, December 21, 2007), and find it acceptable. With respect to cultural resource identification and treatment efforts, we concur with the strategy discussed regarding Class I, Class II, and Class III CRI levels of effort, respectively (cf. pp. 3-16 - 3-17). This strategy has been successfully applied on other water distribution projects in North Dakota.

We look forward to reviewing any forthcoming reports covering those investigations, and to further consultation on this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the project. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,



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and

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